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EQUALITY BEFORE LAW

One day Ali Bin Abi Taleb was passing through the market of Kufa He heard a voice and went towards it. A man who appeared to be either a Christian or Jewish was holding a mail of armor and announcing its sale. The mail of armor being a good one attracted the attention of Ali who had lost his own. Ali being a warrior and campaigner against the enemies of God was in need of such. He went closer and took the mail of armor in his hands and carefully examined it. It seemed familiar to him. Finally he was sure that it was his own. He told the Christian to give it back to him as it belonged to him and it had been lost for some time. The Christian got angry; snatched it away .from Ali's hands and said that it belonged to none but to him

Because of their arguing people gathered around them. They recognized Ali, as he was their leader and the Caliph of God. They knew that All was telling the truth. Hence, they wanted to help him in getting his right from a Christian. But, Ali Bin Abi Taleb .refrained them from doing so

Again Ali approached the man more politely and requested him to return the mail of armor back to him since it brought back memories of past battles and Holy wars he .had fought against the pagans and the hypocrites

As the Christian insisted upon his refusal, Ali proposed to him to refer the dispute to a "Kadi" (Judge). The Christian

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agreed to the proposal. Both proceeded to wards the count of law and the people too. .Followed them

The Kadi upon seeing Ali, the leader of the Muslims and the Caliph of God, got up from his seat and gave his respects to him. Ali told the Kadi: “We have come here for judgement. The duty of a judge is to hear both panties equally. I want you to judge ”.between us impartially

The judge was an educated one in the school of Ali Bin Abi Taleb and he was honest. After a formal talk the judge took his seat and the two, Ali and the Christian, took their .seats facing the judge

”?The judge asked: “What is the dispute

Ali said: “the mail of armor, which is now with this man, is actually mine. It has been some time now that I have lost it, and now it is with this man. However he claims it his ”.property

”?The judge asked the Christian: “What do you have to say in return to Ali’s claim

”.The Christian said: “the mail of armor is mine. I will not pant with it

This time the judge turned to Ali and said: “You are claiming that it is yours. One who claims so should produce two witnesses. The witnesses should be of a reputation and standing so that their testimony could be creditable to the count. It you have such ”.witnesses please bring them to the count to give evidence

”.Ali replied: “ No, I don’t have any witness

”.Then the judge said: “So, the mail of armor then goes to this man

At this the proceedings of the court ended. The Christian was pleased with the judgment. Each went his way out of count The Christian while on his way to the bazaar gave a

second thought of the whole affair He knew Ali and his position. His courage and bravery was also known to him. Ali could have easily taken his mail of armor from him. But he did not do so. He preferred the proceedings of the court and ignores his own right Astonished at such conduct the Christian hurried back to the court. The judge and the people were still there. The Christian shouted: "O Muslims! I am amazed at this judgement. I can't believe that a court of Muslims, administered by a Muslim judge, should pass its sentence in my favor and against their own Caliph. Such a justice could only survive in the schools of the apostles on which such courts are founded. I, a Christian, enjoy an equal treatment with the Caliph of Muslims. Only a divine law could give such a treatment. This court and this law represent the truth of ".your religion. Hence, I embrace such a faith which was yours and now is mine too

THE REWARD OF GOOD

Imam Hasan and Imam Hussain, peace be upon them, were travelling for pilgrimage-"Hajj". Their cousin, Abdullah Bin Jafer, too was with them. On the way it so happened that they lagged and were left behind. In the barren desert they were alone and continued on the way till they were overcome by thirst and hunger. Tired, hungry and thirsty they had no alternative but to go on. Suddenly they saw a tent in the burning furnace of the desert's sands. A gleam of hope glimmered as they saw the tent. All three thanked God as they stumbled in the direction of the tent. When they reached it, they stood at the entrance and saluted the insiders loudly. Upon hearing their salutation an old woman came out. She too saluted them and invited them to enter. The three entered the tent. The old woman inquired

into their identity and their destiny. They introduced themselves to her and informed .her about their plight. They also told her about their thirst and hunger

The old lady went Out of the tent and returned after some time with a sheep. She asked them to milk the sheep and drink the milk. The guests did accordingly. As they drank the milk their thirst squelched. Then the old woman enjoined them to butcher the sheep and in the meanwhile she would gather some dry wood for the fuel for cooking. The three guests butchered the sheep. The old woman prepared the fire, and the meat was cooked. A good tasty meal was thus cooked. The hungry guests ate the meal, which relaxed them greatly. They thanked the old woman and told her to .visit them whenever she happened to come to Medina

.The three guests said goodbye to the old woman and left going on there away

As the night hailed the old woman's husband returned home from the desert. The old woman told him of the day's event. The story incensed him. He got angry with his wife because she had sacrificed their only sheep for the guests. The wife justified her .action because the guests were from the Quraish tribe and from the Prophet's family

A year passed and a dry season took over the desert. All the meadows turned dry and sheep died. The cruel draught dispersed he tent dwellers of the desert. They migrated to towns. The old woman too along with her husband went to Medina. Finding no .resource the old couple took to collecting camel dung from the streets

One day, Imam Hasan was passing through the street. He saw the old woman and recognized her. He thought it obligatory to compensate her for the good deed, which she had done for them. But he did not approach the old woman, thinking

that it might shame her. He went to his house and sent his servant to bring her to him. As she was brought to him. He asked whether she remembered him. She answered in negative. The he reminded her that he was one of those guests whom she had wel… .comed in her tent

Imam Hasan ordered his servant to buy a thousand sheep for her and give her a .thousand Dinars and then guide her to his brother Imam Hussein's house

Imam Hussein too gave her a thousand for her and sent her to his cousin Abudllah's .house

.Abdullah too gave her a thousand Dinars and a thousand sheep

The old woman was astonished at such generosity, for now had heaped a fortune She .returned to her husband with the money and the herd of sheep

The old woman was therefore rid of he hardships of poverty and became rich. The generosity of these three personalities bewildered the people who heard of it and an .envied the old woman

CO – TRAVELLER

.The sixth Imam Jafer Sadeq has narrated this story

One day my grandfather, Lord of the Faithful, Ali Bin Abi Taleb, was travelling. A pagan (who was under the guardianship of Islam) was also travelling along with him He did not know Ali. The pagan asked Ali about his destination. Ali informed him that he was .going to Kufa

The pagan said: "Then we shall be companions for a long time, as I too am bound up ".to the crossing road where we shall have to part each other

They proceeded on their journey until they finally reached the point where each was to go his own way. But the pagan

.not iced that his companion was still following him

”?The pagan said: “You wanted to go to Kufa; didn’t you

.”Ali replied: “Yes. I am on my way to Kufa

The pagan then said: “Well, therefore you are on the wrong path, for this road will not ”.lead you to Kufa

Hazrate Ali replied: “I know that this is not the way to Kufa, and that it will never lead ”.me there

The pagan then asked: “If you know that this road will not lead you to Kufa, then why ”?am you following it

Hazrate Ali answered: “Our Holy Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W) has taught us that, it is not proper for a man to abruptly separate from his companion, but to gradually ”.separate

This tradition said: “These high morals of your Prophet has led and attracted many ”.followers

He then continued: “From this moment, I too am a follower of your Prophet and ”.religion

.The pagan after becoming a Muslim, continued on with Hazrate Ali to Kufa

THE BLESSED MONEY

The Prophet lived a very simple life. His life did not differ with that of the majority of the people. He was poor among the poor and humble among the humble ones. His life was so ordinary that it was difficult to recognize him among the people when he was not engaged in speaking among his companions. One was obliged to ask: “From ”?among you who is the Prophet

The greatness of the Prophet was in his conduct. Beyond this he was quite at parity with others whether it be the aspect of food, clothing and dress or else. During times

.of hardship or any havoc his patience and endurance surpassed others

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Whatever the Prophet had was spent in the interests of the needy ones. Present, .which were given to the person of the Prophet was spent for the good of others

The Prophet had been wearing a shirt for quite a long time, It was old and almost worn out, One of his friends had contributed a sum of twelve Dirhams and insisted that the money was meant for the personal use of the Prophet. The Prophet gave the money to Ali Bin Abi Taleb and asked him to buy a shirt. Ali went to the market and purchased a shirt for the Prophet. When the Prophet saw the shirt, he said; "Yes, it is a good one, but a cheaper one would make me happier." The shirt was a little better than what his companions had worn; The Prophet asked Ali whether the seller would take back the shirt in return for a cheaper one. Ali replied that he would go and ask the .seller

Ali returned to the market. The seller did not have a cheaper shirt. So, he took the shirt .back and returned the money of twelve Dirhams

This time the Prophet accompanied Ali to the market. On the way a girl was weeping. The Prophet asked the girl reason for her grief. The girl informed the Prophet that she had lost four Dirhams given to her at home by he lady to purchase some goods for he The Prophet consoled her and gave he four Dirhams and asked her to purchase what .she had been sent for

.The girl relieved, continued on happily

Ali narrates that the Prophet proceeded to the market. He purchased a very ordinary shirt for four Dirhams. He thanked God for His providing a shirt to him; and prayed: "O, ".God, Bless this shirt and bless my body wearing it with health and safety

Ali says that we were now on our way back home. We

saw a man in a torn shirt asking the people to provide him a shirt, so that god may provide them with a heavenly dress. The Prophet approached him and took his newly bought shirt off of his body and put back on his old one, he then gave his new shirt to the man. The man thanked the prophet and went away. The Prophet said: “If any Muslim for the sake of God covers the body of another Muslim, he will be in the safety ”.of God for as long as the dress exists on the Muslim’s body

Ali says that we returned to the market once more. The Prophet purchased a shirt for four Dirhams and thanked god just as before. Then we started back home. On the way we saw the girl whom the Prophet had helped before, still sitting by the side of the road. The Prophet asked the girl as to why she did not return back home and whether she had made the purchase for which she was sent. The girl replied that she had made the purchase, but the delay that entailed her prevented her from returning .back home fearing punishment

The Prophet told her not to worry and that he would accompany her home and .explains the matter to her lady. The girl was happy. We followed her home

.The Prophet loudly saluted the owners of the home, but no answer came

He repeated it again however one answered him. The Prophet saluted for a third .time. This time someone answered the Prophet

The door was opened. The Prophet entered the house. The Prophet told the landlady as to whether his voice was not heard the first two times. She replied that she loved .the voice so much that she did not answer back so as to hear it again and again

The lady inquired into the reason of the visit. The Prophet said that it was not the girls’ fault in being late and that he

had come to personally explain what had happened. The lady then said that, for the .honor of his visit she would tree the slave girl

The Prophet was glad of this and thanked the lady and thanked God. On his way back he told Ali: "How blessed were those twelve Dirhams! Two men were glad and a slave ".girl got her freedom

TOIL FOR THE SAKE OF GOD BUT FOR THE PEOPLE

Ali Bin Abi Taleb had taken to farming and gardening for his livelihood and to help the .orphans and needy ones

Once in the skirts of Medina, Ali bought some land, which was dry and barren. Ali decided to dig a well there and to irrigate the land. So he chose a suitable location and started digging. Days passed and Ali was busy in the task. From mourning till evening .he toiled. He dug deeper and deeper but did not reach water

One day, Ali picked up his tool and went into the well, which he had dug so far. Ali remained long inside at work. Then wearied and fatigued he came out, brushed the sweat from his forehead, and rested. Soon, he again entered the well. Ali worked so hard that his heavy breathing could be heard from above the well. After sometime of digging hard, water burst up from inside the bed and gushed out with force and .pressure

Ali quickly came out of the well. The force of the water was strong. People gathered around in wonder to see the flow. Some were pleased and congratulated Ali while ".others felt jealous. Some said: "Ali is a good man, and God too has favored him

Some said: "Ali is a hardworking man and did not leave

".the job till got the result

".Some said: "Now Ali and his children become rich

Ali asked his gardener to bring a pen and paper to him. When the gardener brought :the pen and paper to him, he retired to a corner and wrote this

.In the name of God, the Merciful and the Benevolent

I have devoted this well and the lands surrounding it to the people provided that its :income should be spent in the following ways

.For the help of the needy and poor ones-١

.For the help of those who happen to be penniless on their way to their destinations-٢

.For the marriage of orphan boys and orphan girls-٣

.For the treatment of the sick ones-۴

.For the good deeds of common interests to all-۵

:His will ended thus

This well and the lands I have devoted for the sake of god, so as to serve good to me .in the next world and protect me from the fire of hell

Signed: Ali Bin Abi Taleb

PARAGON OF TRUTH

The Prophet of Islam had a son named Ibrahim and he was very dear to him. It was God's will that he should die during the lifetime of the Holy Prophet. By chance, it so .happened that when Ibrahim died there was an eclipse of the sun

Some of the Muslims and non-Muslims attributed this phenomenon to the fact that Ibrahim's father was indeed the messenger of God. And that, this occurrence was a warning those who were non-believers to stop their non-believing ways and to be...

come followers and believers in the Holy Prophet. Because of this, they gathered around the Prophet's

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house requesting him to convent them to Islam.

The Prophet realized that the people had misunderstood the phenomenon, he then left his house and invited them to gather at the Mosque, and the Holy Prophet ascended the pulpit. Then quickly but clearly he said: "The eclipse of the moon or the sun is a natural occurrence and should not be attributed to my son's death. The eclipse of the moon or sun has nothing to do with the birth or death of any person."

Ibrahim was the Prophet's only son and he loved him dearly. When Ibrahim died, the Holy Prophet cried and mourned his death, so that, the Prophets' companions and friends were surprised at his weeping and mourning.

The Holy Prophet realized their shock at his crying and said: "Do not be so surprised of the tact that my heart is broken, nor of my tears." He then addressed his young dead son and said: "Oh! Ibrahim, your departure hunts and fills me with grief, however, I am resigned to the will of God."

The Prophet's companions could still not comprehend the situation, until finally one of his companions approached the Prophet are asked: "Oh, Prophet of Allah! Is it correct for the messenger of God to be upset and hurt over the death of his child?"

The Prophet answered: "By nature man loves his offspring, and I too, like you, am human. To love and care is a Divine Blessing given to us by God? Each and every person should care and love for his offspring, and if his child departs this world, he should grieve and mourn for him." He added: "Everyone has the right to mourn for the loss of his dear ones, but not to the extent of encouraging God's wrath."

THE END

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?Are those who know equal to those who do not know

al-Zumar: ٩

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